Land encroachments

1881. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large area of land has been grabbed illegally near Gole Market, New Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that institution/school named Vidya Bhavan has been constructed on such encroached government green land;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken to retrieve such government green land?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Approximately 3.95 acres of land are presently under encroachment in Gole Market/DIZ Area. They include 2.25 acres near the G. Point, 1 acre near Block No. 58, Kali Bari Marg and 0.70 acre near the site for Samaj Sadan near Kali Bari Marg and Service Road.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Does not arise, in view of reply to (b) above.

Development of cultural and historical places/cities

1882. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the culturally and historically significant places/cities developed/proposed to be developed;

(b) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has forwarded any proposals to develop certain culturally and historically significant places/ cities; and

(c) if so, the details of the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) At present, there is no scheme under which culturally and historically significant places/cities can be taken up for development by the Ministry of Urban Development.